



2016 RES Las Vegas Energy Track
March 21-23, 2016

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(Session Topics and Times Subject to Change)

The Mirage
3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Day 1 - Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Topic

The Future of Indian Energy Innovation and Economic Development

Description

Tribal lands make up approximately 2% of the land in the United States but contain an estimated 5% of the country's renewable energy potential. This disproportionate wealth of resources, along with the unique sovereign status of tribes, creates an environment ripe for innovative energy development programs to maximize economic development. This session will highlight projects from around Indian Country and explain how the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy partners with tribes to further their energy and economic development goals.

Day 2 - Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Topic

Innovation: The Future of Energy Technology

Speaker/Activity

What does the future hold for energy? How can we keep supplying energy to an ever-growing population? How much will it cost? And what impact will the energy choices we make have on our living conditions and our planet?

Five global megatrends—population growth and migration, climate change, technological innovations, higher living standards, and economic development—will shape the future of Indian Country. These indicators will force changes to the way energy is sourced, stored, transported, and used.

This panel will explore emerging changes in energy development as the industry rises to meet these growing challenges.

STEM, Workforce Development, Capacity Building

Tribal lands have incredible potential for clean energy development. At the same time, many tribes are facing economic crises due to high unemployment. Many tribes have significant opportunities to increase their on-reservation workforce through energy projects. This session will explore how an increase in local labor will require workforce development both through long-term



development of STEM programs as well as through short-term capacity building and job training.

Break

Finance/Development/
Access to Capital

This panel discussion will include a conversation with project financiers, developers, and tribes about their experiences exploring different financing options to successfully develop energy projects.

Tribal Energy Business
Roundtable

This panel will bring together industry leaders in energy and technology to explore the essential ingredients for attracting investment and building innovation in Indian Country. Led by representatives from some of the nation's most successful businesses, the panel aims to demonstrate how public and private partners can drive investment opportunities with tribes, as well as what it takes to expand access to capital to spur economic growth in Indian Country.

Energy Project Foundations:
Planning and Negotiation

This panel will discuss experiences in tribal energy planning and execution of projects. The speakers will also address how they formed their project teams and selected development partners.

